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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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In re Application of:

BRIAN E. WILLIAMS ET AL

Serial No.: 09/441,627

Filed: Nov. 16, 1999

For: COMPOSITE FOAM STRUCTURES

Art Unit: 1775

Examiner: Zimmerman, J.

Date: December 13, 2001

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

RESPONSE

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Sir:

Applicants hereby elect with traverse Group I.

Applicants elect Species 2 (claims 6 and 11) with the objection that Species 6 (claim 10) should be included with Species 2.

REMARKS

Consideration of this application in view of the above elections is respectfully requested.

The restriction requirement is traversed on the basis that effort and expense will be multiplied, not reduced, by compliance with this requirement. A search for the subject matter of the claims in either Group I or II will necessarily require a search that will involve the subject matter of the

claims in the other Group. Restriction will require that the same search be done twice.

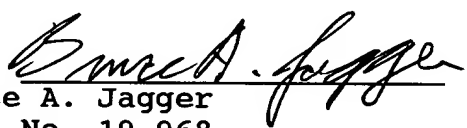
It is respectfully submitted that claim 10 should be include in Species 2. Claim 6 is generic to both claims 10 and 11.

This application is now believed to be in condition for immediate allowance and the prompt issuance of a Notice of Allowance is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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